

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
ARNOLD M. ALVAREZ-GLASMAN
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
MONTEBELLO CITY COUNCIL

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, November 9, 1997

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, November 13, 1997, the Honorable Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman, Montebello City Councilman will be recognized at a special dinner for his 12 years of exemplary service to the residents and businesses of the City of Montebello.

Councilman Alvarez-Glasman, or "Arnie" as he is affectionately known, will conclude his tenure on the Council later this month. First elected to the Council in 1985, he became the youngest Council member in Montebello's 77 year history. Two years later, when selected mayor, Arnie became the City's youngest mayor. He served as mayor on three different occasions, 1987-88, 1991-92 and 1995-96. Arnie has been a tireless advocate for Montebello's DARE education program, after-school child care facilities and the expansion of City facilities to accommodate the community's needs into the 21st century.

In addition to his duties on the Council, Arnie has participated in a variety of youth programs, from coaching little league to teaching high school students about California's legislative system. Having lived in Montebello for over 30 years, Arnie has actively participated in the Montebello Lions, Beverly Hospital Foundation, Montebello Junior Baseball Association, Don Bosco Technical Institute Alumni Association and the California YMCA Youth and Government, Model Legislature and Court Program.

Professionally, as a longtime and distinguished member of the California State Bar, Arnie serves as the City Attorney for the cities of Pomona and South Gate and also as the Agency General Counsel for the Redevelopment Agencies of both cities. He also has represented the cities of Los Angeles, Fullerton and Bradbury as special counsel in land use and related litigation matters. As a founding partner of the Montebello law firm, Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin, he has helped amass an impressive client list, including the cities of Pomona, South Gate, San Fernando, Los Angeles and Chino and the Redevelopment Agencies of Los Angeles, Pomona, Baldwin Park, San Bernardino and South Gate and the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Fresno, Del Norte, Alameda, Sierra, San Mateo, Kings, Sacramento, San Diego, Sonoma and Imperial.

In 1974, Arnie earned his Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Political Science from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona and in 1977, he graduated with his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University Law School of Los Angeles. Arnie and his lovely wife, Lydia, have two daughters, Shelly and Natalie.

Since 1993, I have had the high honor and distinct pleasure of representing the City of Montebello. During that time, Arnie and I have developed a close working relationship, dealing with and responding to the issues facing Montebello residents and businesses. For 12 years, Arnie's efforts on the Council have been inspired by the principle of selfless and dedicated service to our community. He is the

personification of a true public servant, one who has responded to the call of helping others and ensuring that the future is bright for our children and grandchildren.

As he retires from public office, I am confident that Arnie, however, will not retire from active participation in civic and community activities. Indeed, the residents and businesses of Montebello will not let him. Throughout my tenure in the Congress, I have enjoyed working with Arnie in his official capacity and I look forward to his continued counsel and guidance in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Councilman Arnold Alvarez-Glasman on his 12 years of devoted and selfless public service to the City of Montebello and in thanking him for a job well done. I also ask my colleagues to wish Councilman Alvarez-Glasman well in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO D. KIRK OGLESBY

HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated individual from the Third District of South Carolina. Mr. D. Kirk Oglesby, Jr. has been devoted to the administrative medical profession for more than 40 years. His retirement from the Anderson Area Medical Center brings to a close a remarkable career, one that has greatly benefited the city of Anderson and surrounding communities.

Like many in the medical profession, Mr. Oglesby leaves behind a legacy of care and compassion.

Born in Gastonia, NC, Kirk graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Davidson College. From there, he attended Duke University and received his certificate in hospital administration.

Early in his career, Kirk Oglesby developed the family practice residency. This program which meets the primary care needs for many families in the Anderson area, has grown tremendously since its inception in the 1970's.

This year marks 30 years of service to the Anderson Area Medical Center. Throughout his tenure as president, Mr. Oglesby has witnessed the Anderson Area Medical Center change from a primary care hospital into a sophisticated health care system. It has been through his guidance that the hospital is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles among members of the community.

But Kirk Oglesby has served his community in many other ways. He has been a long standing member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Students at the Clemson University College of Commerce and Industry and the College of Nursing have benefited from the time he has spent with them and his wealth of experience.

His distinguished work with the South Carolina Hospital Association and the American Hospital Association have benefited all Americans as these organizations have worked to make the health care system in the United States the greatest in the world. To his credit, the American Hospital Association bestowed on Kirk their Distinguished Service Award in 1997.

Because of his many achievements and great contributions to his State, in 1993 former

Governor Carroll Campbell awarded him South Carolina's highest civilian award, the Order of the Palmetto.

I am gratified to know that Kirk will stay in Anderson after his retirement and continue to serve his community for many years to come. His service to the people of Anderson and to the Third Congressional District will be both missed and admired for many years to come.

THANKING OUR VETERANS

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, November 9, 1997

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our country's veterans. In less than 2 weeks, most Americans will gather with friends and family to count their blessings and give thanks as we celebrate Thanksgiving. As Americans, we have a great deal to be thankful for: we are in a time of peace; we are living longer, healthier lives than ever before; we have a growing economy and the highest standard of living in the world; and we enjoy civil liberties and civil rights unequalled by any civilization in history. We have much to be thankful for, indeed. But Tuesday—Veterans Day—is also a day of thanksgiving.

November 11 has long been a day of tribute to those who bravely served our country in the Armed Forces, many of whom gave their lives to preserve the freedom we too often take for granted. In 1954, President Eisenhower pronounced November 11 "Veterans Day" to honor the veterans of all American conflicts. Previously, November 11 was known as Armistice Day, a reference to the November 11, 1918, armistice between the Allies and the Central Powers in World War I. For those who endured its horrors, World War I was called the war to end all wars.

Unfortunately, war has continued to be a part of our history, and the tragic list of heroes and heroines has continued to grow with each new conflict: World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the gulf war. Even in peacetime, many servicemen and servicewomen have died while maintaining our military readiness. As Americans who enjoy freedoms unparalleled on this earth, we are deeply indebted to the more than 600,000 brave men and women who have paid liberty's supreme price in this century, not to mention those who gave their lives in the wars and conflicts of the two previous centuries in our Nation's history.

One way we can repay the debt owed our veterans is by honoring their sacrifice and recognizing that the bounties we enjoy today exist because of that sacrifice. Another is to honor our commitment to provide assistance to our veterans, particularly the disabled or elderly. Many veterans sacrificed opportunities for higher education to serve their country. Others sustained injuries that left them disabled for life. Still others were killed, leaving spouses and young children to fend for themselves. Veterans benefits, such as health care and housing assistance, are a small price to pay in exchange for the security of our way of life.

We can also pay tribute by teaching our children reverence. We should teach them the value of freedom and instill in them an appreciation for the terrible price that so many

Americans paid willingly and courageously. Our children, the future of our country, should know that the privilege of being an American is also a responsibility. Each of us is honor bound to uphold the principles of democracy and the liberties born of a government that is run by the people and for the people. They should know that we enjoy these freedoms only because we have been willing to fight for them, and that they, too, could face the terrible reality of war in their lifetimes. Most importantly, they should know that the peace bought by the lives of so many of our veterans should not be squandered, but nurtured so that it may flourish for generations to come.

On Tuesday, in cities and towns across the country, there will be parades, speeches, and memorial services honoring the memories of veterans—our friends and relatives who press on our country. As we participate in these events, let us remember to tell our children that, like the appreciation we express on Thanksgiving Day, the appreciation we express on Veterans Day should not end when the clock strikes midnight. Our thanks and appreciation should continue each day, because we have much for which to be thankful, and many veterans to thank.

HONORING THADDEUS "TED"
MUSIALKIEWICZ

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, November 9, 1997

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a man who has devoted his life to serving the community of New York's Ulster County.

Thaddeus "Ted" Musialkiewicz began his involvement in local activities at a very young age. From organizing youth athletic teams to founding and serving as scoutmaster in a local Boy Scout troop, Ted took a keen interest in the lives of those around him. He truly enjoyed being involved with his neighbors, and, Mr. Speaker, that feeling was reciprocated.

While devoting a great deal of his time to community groups, Ted managed to establish himself as a successful businessman and craftsman. He was eventually named president of the Town of Ulster's Business Association where his capable leadership helped to guide local businesses to prosperity.

Outside of his proficient professional career and generous community service, Ted selflessly entered into the civic arena by serving as both councilman and supervisor for the Town of Ulster. Once again, he used this leadership opportunity to promote a better standard of living for all of those around him. His outstanding accomplishments in this capacity are epitomized by his efforts in opening the Town of Ulster Public Library. This building, which continues to serve the Ulster community, will forever be a lasting legacy to Ted's selfless work on behalf of his peers.

Although Ted was constantly busy with one project or another, he found the time to maintain strong ties to his ethnic community. In characteristic fashion, he was, and remains today, extraordinarily active in the White Eagle Benevolent Society, working to preserve Polish-American values and promote the academic success of Polish-American students.

Mr. Speaker, I want to join my friends in the White Eagle Benevolent Society in honoring Thaddeus Musialkiewicz for his charitable service to his community and tireless commitment to elevating those around him. I am proud to call Ted my friend and wish him and his family well.

H.R. 2616, THE CHARTER SCHOOL
AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2616) to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools:

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 2616, the Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997. This bill which purports to expand charter school funding in fact limits Federal funding opportunities for charter school projects in many States that do not meet the prescriptive "priorities" set forth in this bill.

Under H.R. 2616 half of the funding and eventually all of it will be given only to those States with laws which promote charter schools to the greatest extent. In order to be considered for funding, State laws must meet the following criteria: (1) encourage the highest degree of flexibility for charter schools; (2) allow for the increase of charter schools each year, and (3) require a periodic review and evaluation. Those States which do not meet these criteria, including my State, will actually find it more difficult to qualify for Federal funds than under the current system.

States will be forced to change their State charter schools laws to specifically in order to tap into Federal resources.

It is simply inconceivable to me that this bill was crafted by the same Republican Majority which harangues about local control of education day in and day out in this Congress. This bill flies directly in the face of local control, by unabashedly attempting to influence State law to encourage the highest degree of flexibility within their charter schools and increase charter schools at a rapid pace.

As a supporter of real local control over our education system, I cannot support this bill.

The supporters of this bill have offered no evidence that there are any problems with the Federal charter schools grant program as it currently exists. This bill simply seeks to reward states that pursue the most aggressive and radical approach to charter schools.

This I believe is a serious mistake. Charter schools are a fairly new type of player in our education system. States and school districts should be free to experiment and implement this new type of school. However, the role of the Federal Government should not be to encourage one type of reform over another.

Furthermore, studies are mixed at best as to whether charter schools improve academic performance. Many serious problems have been raised in those States which have proceeded rapidly in establishing charter schools, including problems involving discrimination,

accountability of public dollars, fiscal stability, and services to children with disabilities.

The current Federal charter school program provides for an evaluation and assessment of charter schools. This will be a helpful study for school districts and States in determining whether charter schools are improving academic achievement and improving the overall school system. It is premature and unwise to make these significant changes to the Federal charter school program without the benefit of the national evaluation.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation will hinder efforts in my State to move forward on charter schools at their own pace, taking into consideration local issues that arise with respect to moving forward on charter schools. This is an unfair bill that borders on real intrusion in local education efforts, I urge my colleagues to vote against it.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT PROMOTES
TERRORISM TO UNDERMINE
NATIONALISM AMONG OPPRESSED
MINORITIES

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I have recently been made aware of more examples of how the Government of India promotes acts of terrorism to discredit legitimate nationalism among the people of Punjab, Khalistan, Christian Nagaland, Kashmir, Manipur, and the other minority nations that India occupies.

Rodney Redden is an Australian tourist who was seriously wounded in a train bombing that occurred on October 2, 1997, near Delhi, India. As you know, the Indian authorities have blamed this bombing on a Sikh militant organization called Shaheed Khalsa, which probably does not even exist. Even the state-controlled Indian press reported that no one had ever heard of this organization until it suddenly emerged to claim responsibility for this bombing.

Another example of India's violent efforts to undermine nationalist movements is the recent slaughter of innocent bus passengers near Jaluki, Nagaland. The passengers belonged to the Kuki ethnic minority. Although this tragic incident serves the useful purposes of dividing Manipur, and discrediting the freedom movement in neighboring Nagaland, all at the same time. Both States are struggling for their freedom from Indian rule. Both have been subjected to mass murders at the hands of the Indian Government. For years, these two peoples have lived together peacefully. Why should one suddenly decide to destroy the other? Apparently, the central government is funneling money to violent elements on both sides.

In the eyes of the Indian Government, there is no such thing as a peaceful advocate for Khalistan, a peaceful advocate for a free Kashmir, a peaceful advocate for an independent Nagaland, or a peaceful advocate for the freedom and national self-determination of any of the captive nations of South Asia. To India, they simply do not exist.

Well, I know two advocates for freedom from the subcontinent. One is Dr. Gurmit